

active member of the National Council of Senior Citizens, the National Association of Mature People, and the National Tenants Organization. A member of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in West Haven for nearly fifty years, she has held various leadership positions within the congregation as well. All of this, and Annie still found the time to raise twelve children of her own and act as a foster mother to numerous other children. Through her compassion, love, and generosity, Annie has quietly touched the lives of many and left an indelible mark on our community.

Through all of her good work, Annie brings a very special gift to our community—that of hope and inspiration. That is why I am proud to stand today to join her twelve children; thirty grandchildren, fifty-nine great-grandchildren; and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren; family, friends, and the New Haven community in marking this remarkable milestone—the 100th birthday of Annie Sellers. Marking a century of life, this very special occasion reflects her extraordinary resilience and strength of spirit. She is a true community treasure—Happy Birthday, Annie!

CONGRATULATING OFFICERS AND  
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**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the officers and members of the Emsworth Borough Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of the Department's 100th Anniversary. The members of the Fire Department have unselfishly served the citizens of Emsworth for the greater part of the past century and now look forward to continuing their brave service in the 21st century.

The community of Emsworth cites the Volunteer Fire Department as "an organization that has become the backbone of the community." From its inception in 1905, the department has served as a valuable resource to the community. In 1995, the department expanded into providing service for Glenfield Borough, proving that its commitment to service includes not only its citizens, but its local neighbors as well.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Volunteer Fire Department of Emsworth. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as the Emsworth Volunteer Firefighters who truly embody the spirit of public service and the meaning of bravery.

A VERMONT FILMMAKER OF NOTE

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2005*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to inform this body that Eugene

Jarecki, a filmmaker in Waitsfield, Vermont, has been awarded the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Mr. Jarecki won this prestigious award for his documentary, *Why We Fight*.

Mr. Jarecki provides a balanced view of what President Eisenhower warned was a danger to democracy: the "military-industrial complex." He interviews, for instance, supporters of the current war in Iraq such as Weekly Standard editor William Kristol and Richard Perle, Chairman of the Defense Policy Board; he also interviews those who warn of dangers which may emerge from the prosecution of that war, talking with Senator JOHN MCCAIN, news anchor Dan Rather, and USAF Lt. Col. (Ret.) Karen Kwiatkowski.

Sundance describes his film succinctly and accurately: "*Why We Fight* is an inside look at the anatomy of the American war machine, examining how a force so potentially counter to the balance of a democratic society influences American life. Amid the upheaval of the Iraq War, the film follows the personal stories of a group of characters in America's military family.

"Why does America fight? Time and again, why does she seem inclined toward war against an ever changing array of enemies? What are the forces—economic, political, ideological—that shape and propel American militarism? Where do they meet? And what role does the individual play?"

Writing in the New York Times this week in honor of the recently deceased Arthur Miller, fellow playwright (and Vermont resident) David Mamet wrote, "Bad drama reinforces our prejudices. It informs us of what we knew when we came into the theater. Good drama survives because it appeals not to the fashion of the moment, but to the problems both universal and eternal, as they are insoluble." Eugene Jarecki makes good films.

The balance in his film, along with the craft and care with which it was made, propelled Jarecki's work to its Sundance Award. As Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven noted, Jarecki's "film emerged as a top Sundance hit precisely because it articulates a view that goes far beyond the seasonal politics of elections to pose larger and enduring questions."

In this era when too often political "spin" substitutes for reasoned analysis and the study of history, Eugene Jarecki has shown us that the media have a vital role to play in educating us about our political and economic past, and about our future. Vermont is as proud of him as the judges at Sundance were; and we are happy that he is once again en route to sharing his cinematic work with the entire nation.

IN HONOR OF MR. GARY GARMANN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gary Garmann, a local architect that brought the beauty of form to the 17th District. Mr. Garmann passed away on January 24, 2005 at age 62. He is survived by his loving wife, Robin, his son, Rees; daughter Jodi; his parents Dorothy and Fritz Garmann,

of Silverdale, Washington and his brother Ken Garmann of Yelm, Washington.

Gary came to Santa Cruz in 1977, with a goal to expand his professional goals, and he made his presence known ever since. He helped rebuild the downtown region of Santa Cruz after the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, by designing such buildings as LuLu Carpenter's and the Borders building downtown. These beautiful buildings now stand as local landmarks, and a testament to Mr. Garmann's talent as an architect.

Mr. Garmann's generosity and commitment to the community extended far beyond his ability to design beautiful architecture. He also selflessly donated his time to the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, where he sat on the board, as well as the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History. Mr. Garmann additionally assisted in the planning of the Santa Cruz homeless shelter, giving his time and energy to those most deeply in need.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Mr. Garmann's family by celebrating his life and his contribution to society. His beautiful buildings, his generous spirit and his love for others, will stand as a testament to his character long into the future. Mr. Garmann is admired by all for his dedication both to his business and the community and he will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JESSE  
POOR

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Jesse Poor. Recently Mr. Poor retired as deputy commander of the Anniston Army Depot after 32 years of service. His record speaks for itself, and he is known throughout the community and in the Army for having done an outstanding job throughout his career.

Mr. Poor started at the Anniston Army Depot in 1972 as a trash collector. From those humble beginnings Mr. Poor advanced from factory worker all the way to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he earned his master's degree. He later returned to the Depot to apply his experience and eventually rose to deputy commander.

During Mr. Poor's tenure the Depot exceeded its financial goals and increased its workload. He supported forward-thinking public-private partnerships, and in part because of his leadership the facility has distinguished itself within the Department of Defense as one of the most efficient of its kind.

The entire Calhoun County community owes Jesse Poor a deep sense of gratitude for his service, and I am honored to be able to recognize his achievements in the House today. Our community will remember his service for years to come.